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**From:** Owen, Randy (MRC)  
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**Subject:** FW: Concerns Regarding the Proposed Development at 102 Creek Circle, York Point  
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Protest for Trainum 09-0806

**PROTEST**

**From:** T Gelles [mailto:tgelles@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2010 6:26 AM  
**To:** Owen, Randy (MRC)  
**Subject:** Concerns Regarding the Proposed Development at 102 Creek Circle, York Point

Mr. Owen,

My appeal is personal, not scientific. In 1978 after saving for decades, my parents built their dream home on the Rappahannock River in White Stone, VA. Around 1983, the owner of a neighboring lot wished to expand his beach and requested permission from the state and local agencies including the Army Corp of Engineers. Much like the residents of York Point those residents fought the jetty system but the homeowner won.

Within months the lots adjacent to the project began to erode affecting five homes. The beach build up was successful to the detriment of the coastline. For three years, my parents spent \$10,000-\$13,000 per year to have rock placed along the property line to no avail. In 1987 they were forced to sell their retirement home for pennies on the dollar as they could no longer afford the on going cost of saving their home. My father passed away in 1991 and mother worked two jobs until the day she died to make ends meet.

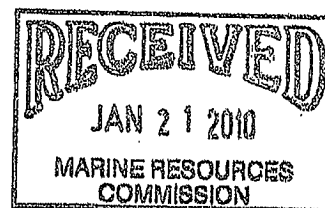
At the time, I believed my parent's financial ruin was due to human error. That was naïve. I imagine that determination was political just as I believe this will be if the project is approved.

The owner of 102 Creek Circle purchased the property in its current state, which has been stable for over 50 years. I am hopeful the officials employed or appointed to protect the wetlands will not laugh in the face of Mother Nature.

Approval of this plan with unknown consequences cannot be in the best interest of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. This project could fill in the creek, the canal, or erode neighboring lots. To approve a plan that benefits one homeowner, but puts dozens of York County families at risk is reckless and irresponsible! The project is unnecessary and could have devastating consequences. Please vote no.

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